

REMARKS

The present amendment is provided in response to the pending Official Action, wherein the Examiner has repeated the assertion that linking claims are not provided in the instant Reissue Application.

In accordance with the decision of the Federal Circuit in *In re Doyle*, applicants provide herewith four linking claims, specifically claims 133, 134, 135 and 136. These claims are broader than claim 1 and are believed to encompass claim 1. Moreover, independent claims 86-88, 106-113, 115-116, 122, 126 and 130-132 have been rewritten in dependent form, to depend from the linking claims. Moreover, new claims 137-147 have been added, each of which depends from each of the linking claims 133-136.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims now are in compliance with the holding of *In re Doyle*, and that examination of the claims on the merits is in order.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are patentable over the prior art and, accordingly, that the Reissue Application should be granted and that the subject patent be reissued forthwith.

Respectfully submitted,

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